

PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING SUPPORT FOR FIRST RESPONDERS TO TRAFFIC CRASHES AND INCIDENTS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES, REGION AND STATE; AND URGING THE PUBLIC TO DRIVE SAFELY, ADHERE TO TRAFFIC LAWS, AND RESPECT THE LIVES OF RESPONDERS WHO SAFEGUARD THOSE AT THE SCENE OF A CRASH.

WHEREAS, first responders include law enforcement, fire, rescue, medical, towing and other front-line personnel; and

WHEREAS, recent fatalities among first responders in the Denver region have raised public awareness of the danger to which first responders at a crash or traffic incident scene are subjected while safeguarding the well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, at the direction of Governor Hickenlooper, the Colorado State Patrol recently convened a task force to review first responder safety and has launched its "One Scene. One Culture. Save Lives." campaign; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration, its partners and responders are marking the second annual Traffic Incident Response Week November 13-19; and

WHEREAS, annual roadway fatalities in the Denver region increased by 40 percent between 2014 and 2016; and

WHEREAS, many of the region's residents will soon travel between communities and states for holiday visits to relatives and friends, using roadways they don't frequently travel and encountering unpredictable weather, further highlighting the importance of traffic safety and the role of first responders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Town of Superior hereby declares support for first responders, and urges the public to respect their lives by driving safely and knowing the State of Colorado's Move Over law.

PROCLAIMED this 7th day of November, 2017.

Clint Folsom, Mayor